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'Amazon launch imminent'

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I always prefer to buy from Australian retailers when possible. Recently I looked for an electrical safety switch at a retailer in Australia, but the cost was \$95. Same item on Amazon from the US was AU\$25. Landed it here for \$37.

It begs the question, why such a price difference?

SAM C, via dandenongleader.com.au



Amazon Warehouse in Dandenong,

DANDENONG SOUTH

Amazon arrives in Dandenong

AFTER months of rumour, a leaked email to sellers last week has confirmed retail giant Amazon would launch its Australian operations in Dandenong South.

The email told sellers Amazon Marketplace in Australia would begin an "internal testing phase" with a small number of customers at 2pm on November 23.

"You should be prepared to receive orders from this point onward," the email said.

Amazon announced in August it would open a 24,000sq m warehouse and distribution centre in Dandenong South, bringing hundreds of new jobs to the region.

The centre, in Pellicano's M2 Industry Park, dominates the surrounding landscape and is slightly bigger than the MCG. They have been recruiting for roles, including operations managers, pickers, packers, systems technicians and HR specialists.

"We are thrilled to be creating hundreds of new roles in Dandenong South," Robert Bruce, Amazon's director of operations for Australia, said.

"This new fulfilment centre will stock hundreds of thousands of products which will be available for delivery across Australia."

Dandenong state Labor MP Gabrielle Williams said the arrival of Amazon further cemented the area as a leading manufacturing hub.